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April 9, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This will confirm the telephone request made to have [illegible] examine the clothing worn by Governor Connally on November 22, 1963. The items of clothing to be examined consist of a black suit jacket, black suit trousers, white dress shirt, and tie.

We are interested to know if all of the holes could have been made by one missile. The theory has been advanced that the bullet entered Governor Connally's back, exited from his lower chest, entered the dorsal aspect of his wrist, exited from the ventral undersside of his wrist, and then entered his left thigh. As you may know, the hole in the front of the suit coat is very small by comparison to the hole in the wrist area on the suit jacket. Please advise us on what an examination discloses as to:

(a) the path of the missile with respect to determinable entrance or exit holes,

(b) whether the same bullet could have exited from the front of the coat and entered the wrist area of the jacket,

(c) whether the same missile could have then proceeded through the Governor's wrist and made the hole in the left leg area, and

(d) any other findings.

Sincerely yours,

*typed signature by Legal Counsel

/s/ J. Lee Rankin*

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

Original and courtesy copy given to SA Robert E. Neill, FBI, 4/9/64, by Mr. Specter.

Received from the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy the following articles:

1) Black Suit Jacket,

2) Black Suit Trousers,

3) White Dress Shirt, and

4) Tie.

/s/ SA Robert E. Neill, FBI, 4/9/64
Robert E. Neill